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In the claims:

Please amend claims 76-78 under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.121(c) as follows. A marked-up version of amended claims 76-78 wherein the deleted material is in brackets and the inserted material is ~~underlined~~ is attached hereto as Exhibit A. Please also cancel claims 42-56, 61-75 and 79-81 without prejudice or disclaimer to applicants' right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in a later filed application.

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- 76. (Amended) The method of claim 57, wherein the agent inhibits binding of RAGE to amphoterin.--
- B1 --77. (Amended) The method of claim 57, wherein the agent binds to RAGE.--
- 78. (Amended) The method of claim 57, wherein the agent binds to amphoterin.--
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REMARKS

Claims 42-81 were pending in the subject application. Applicants have hereinabove canceled claims 42-56, 61-75 and 79-81 without prejudice or disclaimer to applicants right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in a later-filed application. Therefore, entry of this amendment is respectfully requested such that claims 57-60 and 76-78 will be pending.